

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Please replace all prior listings of claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A quick change lens mount for connecting a lens assembly to a camera board, the camera board having an image recording device, a filter and a filter housing to position the filter over the image recording device, comprising:

(a) a base attached to said camera board, having a quick connect coupling for removable coupling to said lens assembly said base having an interior opening and said quick connect coupling having a pair of slots to permit passage of a key and a pair of keyways extending circumferentially from ends of corresponding ones of said slots;

(b) a removable adapter coupled to said lens assembly, said removable adapter having a threaded interior opening to receive a threaded end of a lens housing and a base insert end, said base insert end having keys for engagement with said keyways on said base so as to lock said lens assembly to said base upon engagement of the keys of said removable adapter to respective ones of said keyways on said base, and;

(c) means for affixing said base, filter and filter frame to said camera board, and said filter housing is rectangular and has undercuts at respective corners such that corners of said filter extend through corresponding ones of the undercuts of said filter housing such that said filter housing tightly grips said filter.

Claims 2 - 3 (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) A mount according to claim 1, wherein said base insert end of said removable coupling has a cylindrical surface with a pair of keys affixed thereto on diametrically opposite sides of said cylindrical surface.
5. (Original) A mount according to claim 1, wherein said means for affixing is a pair of screws passing through holes in said camera board and filter frame and engaging threaded holes in said base.
6. (Original) A mount according to claim 1, wherein said filter housing is resilient so as to shield said filter from impact.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Original) A mount according to claim 5, wherein said filter housing is elastomeric.
9. (Currently Amended) A method of mounting a lens assembly to a camera board, comprising:
 - (a) attaching a removable adapter to said lens assembly, said adapter having a threaded opening with threads that mate with threads on said lens assembly and a pair of keys at an end thereof opposite to said threaded opening;
 - (b) forming a base to lock to an end of said removable

adapter, said base having an opening with slots

and keyways on an interior surface thereof which

slidably receive and engage said keys on said removable adapter;

(c) mounting said base over an image recording device

and affixed to said camera board wherein said image recording device includes a filter and said base includes a filter housing to shield said filter by forming said filter housing with a resilient material, and

said filter housing is rectangular with its corners undercut so as to permit firm engagement of sides of said filter by sides of said filter housing; and

(d) inserting and locking said lens assembly to said base.

Claims 10-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~13~~ 9, wherein said filter housing is elastomeric.